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lems of the past and those of our own day. The views of the writer upon important subjects of theology, as, for instance, the manner of the Atonement, are not in harmony with ordinarily received views. He rejects the usual idea of imputation and emphasizes the life element in the sacrifice of Jesus rather than that of the death, making the latter more the evidence of perseverance in moral and spiritual endeavor and purpose to the last, rather than an objective means for human redemption. To free man from sin, to make him holy is regarded as more important in the work of Christ than to deliver him from punishment and wrath. The historical work in these lectures is, however, most ably done. Nowhere can the student find so fresh and so full a presentation of the meaning of the recent excavations and discoveries in Asia Minor in their bearing on the history of religion as in this little book, besides receiving light upon many other points of biblical and religious history and thinking.

#### **Pulpit Commentary : Philippians, Colossians.**

*The Pulpit Commentary. Philippians*, by Rev. B. C. Caffin, M. A.; *Colossians*, by Rev. G. G. Findlay, B. A. Homilies by various authors. New York: A. D. F. Randolph and Co. Price \$2.00.

The work on Philippians by Caffin is an excellent example of the steady, solid, matter-of-fact manner and method of the English expositors. Findlay's handling of Colossians is brighter and somewhat more scholarly. The introductions to both commentaries are better than the average in this series. It is notable that both writers express and manifest their great indebtedness to Bishop Lightfoot's exegetical monographs on these two epistles. They are mines of wealth for the student and expositor. Why not dig out the gold from the mines ourselves, then? Some are too lazy to do the work required. Others need more elementary books like these. For it takes training to use and profit by a first-class commentary.

#### **The Smaller Cambridge Bible : John.**

*The Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools. The Gospel according to St. John, with maps, introductions and Notes.* By the Rev. A. Plummer, M. A. New York: MacMillan and Co, Pp. 160. Price, 30 cents.

Price, quality, spirit and style combine to make this booklet the ideal commentary on John for the Sunday school teacher of moderate means. Those who use Plummer's larger volume know its value. This abridgment has succeeded in retaining the best elements of that. The introduction is a model of terse completeness. The gist of the appendices is retained. The amount and kind of help here to be gotten for the study of John for thirty cents is absolutely astonishing. Every teacher can and should have a copy.